

Lafayette county sheriff's office

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 21, 2017

The Lafayette County Board of Supervisors Law Enforcement Committee held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on March 21, 2017, in the Sheriff's Office Conference Room.

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m., by Committee Chairman, Gerald Heimann. Present at the meeting were Gerald Heimann, John Perkins, Dwayne Larson, John Bartels, Jack Sauer, Sheriff Reg Gill, Lt. Theresa Burgess, and Chief Deputy Troy Loeffelholz. Other guests included Judge Duane Jorgenson, Kris Fleming, and Brian Lund of the Republican Journal.

Mr. Heimann called for proof of posting. Sheriff Gill announced that meeting notices were posted at the Shullsburg Townsend Center, the Courthouse, the Darlington Municipal Building, and was emailed to the Republican Journal.

Mr. Heimann asked for approval of the agenda. Mr. Bartels made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Larson seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Mr. Larson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Bartels seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presentation:

Judge Duane Jorgenson and Kris Fleming of the Juvenile Intake Office, presented information regarding the utilization of the *Wisconsin Core Assessment Tools*, in conjunction with the *Drug and Alcohol Courts*. The speakers pointed out the need for a tool which assesses the candidacy of individuals in the program, as the target is high risk and high need. This would maximize the effectiveness of the program. The speakers also mentioned a need for an *electronic signor*, to utilize the assessment tool. It was recommended by the committee to move the topic to the Building and Insurance Committee for action.

Action Items:

Administrative permissions for new Jail Administrator: Sheriff Gill announced Sgt. Mary Paisley's intent to retire has been submitted as May 8, 2017. Sgt. Paisley has been the signor on several jail related bank accounts. One of those accounts is currently held at Huntington Bank, which upon new ownership started assessing fees to this account. This is an account used for bond money which maintains a zero balance. To alleviate this problem; the account can be transferred to First National Bank, where there will be no maintenance charges assessed. There was a motion presented by Mr. Larson to transfer the account to First National Bank and to assign Sgt. Morrissey as a new signor to the account. Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion approved.

Increasing Courthouse security coverage to all open hours: Sheriff Gill informed the committee of the request from the Courthouse Security Committee that coverage be increased to all open hours. Sheriff Gill reminded the committee that the security coverage in place now, was a result of a reduction in hours, changed several years back. Prior to that, the Sheriff's Office had furnished full coverage. Sheriff Gill provided the financial impact of increasing the number of hours of security coverage to all open hours. That estimate was approximately \$15,000. security There was a motion made by Mr. Bartels to

recommend the increase of security coverage in the courthouse, to the finance committee. Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion carried.

Creation of the rank of "Corporal" for two existing jail positions, with wage increase; and Creation of the rank of "Corporal" to replace the former "O.I.C." (Officer in Charge) rank, for an existing patrol position, with wage increase: Sheriff Gill explained to the committee that it was his desire to restructure rank within the jail/dispatch classification upon the re-assignment of Sgt. Darrell Morrissey to Jail Administrator. Sgt. Morrissey will maintain some of his patrol duties and roles as he transitions to Jail Administrator. Sheriff Gill explained that the creation of two Corporals within jail/dispatch would provide two current employees to be promoted to a supervisory rank, handling day to day operations, (including weekends), and come with a \$.75/hr. increase in pay. Sheriff Gill also explained that Sheriff Pedley had created the O.I.C. positions within the patrol division, although he vacated the positions towards the end of his administration. Sheriff Gill explained that he would like to replace those positions with the title of Corporal, which would include a \$.50/hr. wage increase.

Sheriff Gill shared that the budget impact would be an increase of approximately \$6667.15. Sheriff Gill stated the 2017 budget could absorb that expense per current reports. There was a motion made by Mr. Larson to recommend the new title assignments, along with pay increases, to the Human Resources Committee. Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion approved.

Discussion & Approval of new Animal Ordinance: Sheriff Gill and Chief Deputy Loeffelholz presented the new animal ordinance which had been created to fill gaps in current ordinances, needed to effectively enforce laws regarding animal cruelty type cases. A summary of the ordinance was presented. There was a motion made by Mr. Bartels to forward the ordinance to County Board for its first reading. Seconded by Mr. Larson. Motion passed.

Sheriff's Update/Discussion and Questions

Personnel Changes: Sgt. Mary Paisley announced her intent to retire. Sgt. Darrell Morrissey-a long-time patrol sergeant, has transferred to fill the position and is now training. Six additional staff members expressed an interest in the position. Deputy Scott Donar has been assigned temporary supervisory duties for the patrol shift vacated by Sgt. Morrissey. This will create movement within the patrol division and will eventually lead to a vacancy within the jail. On another matter, an offer of employment was made to a part-time female dispatcher/jailer, who comes with previous jail experience.

Creation of a Chaplain Program within the Sheriff's Office: Sheriff Gill informed the committee that he and others have been exploring the idea of creating a Chaplain program. A program like this, may better serve the mental health needs of the employees. There are many Chaplain programs present within both Wisconsin's and the Nation's Sheriff's Offices. There would be very minimal cost to create such a program.

Action on Monthly Bills: Motion made by Mr. Larson to pay presented bills. Mr. Bartels seconded. Motion Approved.

Set Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Perkins. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

